

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New York,
held on **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5, 2012**

PRESENT: Mayor Anne H. McAndrews
Trustees Marlene Kolbert
Peter Fanelli
Lorraine Walsh

ABSENT: Trustee John Komar

Also Present: Attorney Staudt, Clerk Finn, Treasurer Brucciani

Mayor McAndrews called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM, and welcomed those present.

Police Chief Poleway addressed the Board on the following matters:

Police Chief's Report

1. He reminded the Board, residents, and motorists that school officially began today and urged everyone to be careful when driving. He reminded drivers that there is a 20 m.p.h. limit around school zones, and that they are required to stop in both directions when school buses are flashing their red lights.

2. Two additional burglaries took place in the Village on August 12, 2012. The Police Department believes they are related to the series of burglaries that began in November, 2011. The detectives are diligently trying to identify the individuals responsible. Residents are asked to remain vigilant – be sure alarm systems have been activated and doors are locked.

Mayor McAndrews next administered the oath of office to Detective Sergeant Barbara Daquino, who was promoted to Detective Sergeant on June 22, 2012. Detective Sergeant Daquino is a 21- year member of the Larchmont Police Department and the Department's former Youth Officer.

Fire Captain Caparelli had no report this evening.

Mayor McAndrews next administered the oaths of office to newly hired Firefighters William Jones, Jordan Bogart, and Daniel Rosenberg.

Oaths of Office to
new Firefighters
Jones, W.
Bogart, J.
Rosenberg, D.

Captain Caparelli explained that that the new firefighters have, or are in the process of obtaining, their Emergency Medical Technician certifications. They will also be trained to perform fire inspections for the department.

Mayor McAndrews and the Board congratulated all of the newly hired and/or promoted members of the Village's emergency response forces for their achievements and wished them well in their new positions.

Mayor McAndrews next presented a New York State Conference of Mayors' service award to Lieutenant Wayne Sternemann, Fire Department, for his 35 years of municipal service. She thanked Lieutenant Sternemann for his service and congratulated him on this milestone achievement.

Mayor McAndrews made the following announcements:

Mayor's
Announcements

1. The Village of Larchmont and Town of Mamaroneck may be issuing "No Irrigation" orders in light of a water main break that occurred at the Reservoir property. In order to repair the 16" main, both ponds will be lowered, which has already occurred due to the inclement weather expected to come over the next couple of days. However, in order to protect the quantity of water needed for everyone's daily life as well as firefighting, lawn watering may have to be suspended while the repair work takes place. Further announcements will be made as the need warrants.
2. The Chamber of Commerce will be holding Sidewalk Sale days on September 6-8, 2012.
3. The September 11 remembrance ceremony will be held at the Girl Scout Rock in Memorial Park at 5:00 PM on September 11, 2012.

Trustee Fanelli reported on the following:

1. The tenth annual Larchmont Arts Festival will be held on September 29 (rain date September 30) from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
2. Big Trucks Day will be held on September 29 at 10:00 AM
3. The Tour de Larchmont Bike Tour will be held on October 7 at 12:30 PM.
4. The Rag-a-muffin Parade will be held on October 20 (rain date October 27). Line-up starts at 12:30 at the corner of Palmer Avenue and Larchmont Avenue. The parade steps off at 1:00 PM.
5. The paddle tennis courts open October 1. Players are asked to purchase their permits in the Recreation Office at Village Hall.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. The Library has two WPA murals located at the front of the Library. They were taken down to refurbish them, thanks to a grant that was received from New York State to help defray the cost of cleaning. She congratulated Library Director Laura Eckley for obtaining the grant for this undertaking.
2. She mentioned that notices have been sent out to property owners in the Village who have shrubbery that blocks views at intersections. As indicated by Mayor McAndrews previously, the Public Works Department came to her about difficulties seeing around intersections. They took photographs of the offending 260 locations, and letters were sent out requesting the property owner to comply with the Village's law in this regard. Attorney Staudt explained the details of this law. Mayor McAndrews added that after September 15, the areas will be re-examined to see if the violations have been corrected.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the public hearing in connection with a proposed water rate increase for the Village of Larchmont was opened.

Treasurer Brucciani explained that the Village is a customer of Westchester Joint Water Works, and they receive their water from New York City. New York City is increasing water rates by approximately nine percent (9%) per million, or approximately \$60,000 for the Village of Larchmont based on next year's estimated usage. Therefore, he is

requesting that the Board consider a water rate increase of five percent (5%) to offset these costs.

Mayor McAndrews noted that the Town of Mamaroneck and Village of Mamaroneck increased their municipal water rates by fifteen percent (15%) because of this increase by New York City.

No one appeared to speak on this subject and therefore, on motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Kolbert and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve a five percent (5%) water rate increase for the Village of Larchmont, to occur in the next billing cycle; i.e., Oct. 2012 - April 2013.

RESOLUTION
Approve water rate
increase

Mayor McAndrews referred to a recent newspaper article that indicated pension costs will rise 10.6 percent for State and Local governments.

She explained that the Village has two types of pensions – one for Police and Fire and one for regular employees. The Police and Fire pensions will go up to 28.9 percent and pensions for regular employees will go up to 20.9 percent. These increases will cost the Village .92 percent of its tax levy, which is capped at 2 percent by New York State.

She read a portion of a statement that was issued by Peter Baynes, President of the New York Conference of Mayors, on this subject. Mr. Baynes applauded the Governor on the creation of Tier 6, but added that it is painfully obvious that a solution must be found without increasing local debt. She commended Mr. Baynes and NYCOM for taking a stance on this issue.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, the public hearing on the Palmer Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project was opened.

Palmer Avenue
Streetscape
Improvements Project

Mayor McAndrews stated that Village Boards have worked on this project for some time. The Village has received a grant of \$812,000 for a portion of this work, and it has been determined that property owners in the project area will be assessed for a small portion of the work, totaling approximately \$320,000. The remainder of the project's cost will be borrowed by the Village and repaid over a 15-year period.

Mayor McAndrews stated that the Village will be copying a program that was done during the 2004/2005 Boston Post Road Streetscape Improvement Project. The Village will measure each owner's property for linear feet of curbing and square footage of sidewalk. The Village is not including trees, tree wells, light posts or electrical work in the costs that will be apportioned out to the property owners.

Mayor McAndrews noted that since the Boston Post Road project took place, granite curbing is now less expensive to purchase. The price for sidewalk concrete is almost the same as it was back then. Using the Ann Taylor building as a guide, it was determined that 55 linear feet of granite and concrete would cost \$7,352. At 3.25 percent, this translates into a cost to property owners of \$627 per year, or \$62 per month over the life of the improvement.

Mayor McAndrews reassured the business owners that the Board is aware of the impact this project may have on their upcoming holiday sales and will do whatever they can to insure that the impact is minimal. Once the Board obtains its final approval from the New York State Department of Transportation, the project will begin, hopefully within the next few weeks.

As a side note, Mayor McAndrews said that the Board has zeroed in on the areas with the most retail stores so those areas can be completed by early November. Of course, the targeted areas can be changed if it becomes necessary.

Residents, merchants and property owners who appeared to question the Board on issues of concern included:

Lee Rubin, Wendy Gee, 1949 Palmer Avenue
Bud McEntee, PDQ Mail, 2005 Palmer Avenue
Michael McSherry, 68 Stuyvesant Avenue
Marsha and Jim Gross, Clutch, 1905 Palmer Avenue
Nancy Monzidelis, 69 Shore Drive
Peter Tomback, 1921-1929 Palmer Avenue

Basic concerns expressed were the timing of the project due to the onset of the holiday season, how the costs would be apportioned, the impact the project would have on the overall area, how would affected infrastructure be repaired/replaced if damaged, and how the bidding process was done.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli,, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was then closed.

Attorney Staudt noted that the Board will finalize its determination of the costs and apportion it amongst the properties that will be benefiting from this project. Individual notices will be mailed out to property owners with those costs. After receipt of those notices, property owners will be provided with an opportunity to discuss them with the Board and/or Village Treasurer.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLUTION
Avenius, A.
St. Augustine's Church
Habitat Walk – 11/4/12

RESOLVED, to approve the request by Anne Avenius, St. Augustine's Church, to hold a Habitat Walk on November 4, 2012, beginning at 1:00 PM. All walkers will be required to stay on the sidewalk during this event.

On motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 5, dated September 5, 2012, in the amount of \$88,829.55, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Walsh.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.